Conference of Tourism Ministers

1811. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDRE: SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a)' whether a conference of Ministers of Tourism was held in New Delhi on the December 11, 1991;

(b) whether the Conference re commended amongst others that tourism be treated as an Industry and that a single window clearance of tourism projects be ensured; and

(c) if so, what decisions have been taken on these recommendations and what action has been taken to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Conference was held on December 10, 1991.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. The Conference has recommended single window clearance of tourism projects in Special Tourism Areas and also to accord tourism the status of an industry.

The State Governments have to take the final decision on these recommendations and the matter has been referred to them.

Contract for the export of wheat

1812. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that India has contracted certain foreign countries for the export of wheat last year;

(b) if so, what is the quantity and names of the countries with which the contracts were made indicating the terms and conditions thereof; and

(c) what is the total quantity of wheat shipped, so far, country-wise and what is the quantity to be shipped by the end of March, 1992?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir. The State Trading Corporation of India Limited (STC) and the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India (MMTC) entered into contracts for export of wheat.

(b) and (c) The quantities and names of the countries with which STC and MMTC had entered into contracts and the terms and condition's thereof are as under:

During 1990-91 and 1991-92, MMTC and STC had entered into contracts for export of wheat with buyers in London, Dubai, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Jordan, and DPR of Korea for the following quantities:

Country	Quantity (Metric Tonnes) 1990-92 upto 20.2.1992)
United Kingdom	1,85,000
Dubai	2,10,000
Singapore	1,00,000
Hong Kong	1,35,000
Malaysia	4,500
Jordan	3,50,000
DPR of Korea	2,00,000
Thailand	6,000
TOTAL:	11,90,500

In the case of contracts on free on board (f.o.b.) basis, the ultimate destination of each shipment is decided by the buyers at the time of each shipment.

Quantity of wheat shipped country-wise during 1990-91 and 1991-92 "(upto 20.2.92) is given below:

Country	Quantity (Metric Tonnes)	
	1990-91	1991-92 (upto 20.2.92)
Sudan	35,767	35,100
Dubai	—	25,100
Malaysia	—	75,000
Any Malaysian/ Sri Lanka Port	—	19,200
United Arab Emirates	—	23,300
Phillipines	—	33,100
Any Asian Port	—	42,200
DPR Of Korea	76,517	1,39,55
Jordan	88,742	2,73,40
Thailand	—	6,154
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The export MMTC have been mostly around US $116 per tonne on Cost and Freight basis, while the exports of STC have been mostly around US $ 95 per tonne on FOB basis.

It has been decided to restrict further